CHARLES PARKS, : Civil Action

Plaintiff

v.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al. : Formerly

: Court of Common Pleas: Trial Division—Civil

: August Term, 2023

Defendants : No. 230800935

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: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1441 and 1446, Defendant City of Philadelphia, timely removes this action from the Court of Common Pleas to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on the following grounds:

- 1. On August February 27, 2024, Plaintiffs initiated this action by Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, August Term, 2023; No. 230800935. (Exhibit "A.")
- 2. In Counts II, and IV of the Complaint, the plaintiff seeks relief against the petitioner pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for alleged deprivations of his rights protected by the Constitution of the United States. (Id.)
- 3. 28 U.S.C. § 1331 states that "[t]he district courts shall have original jurisdiction of all civil actions arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States." The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has original jurisdiction over the claims alleged by Plaintiff, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
- 4. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has original jurisdiction over the claims alleged by Plaintiff, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331.
 - 5. True and correct copies of this Notice of Removal with accompanying exhibits and

separate Notice to State Court of Filing of Notice of Removal, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B," will be served upon the plaintiff and filed with the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

- 6. In filing this Notice of Removal, the petitioners do not waive any available defenses in this action.
- 7. In filing this Notice of Removal, the petitioners do not need the consent of Defendant C/O Carriker, who was not an employee of the City of Philadelphia at the time of service on February 27, 2024. Defendant City cannot accept service for C/O Carriker and its acceptance was invalid. "When a civil action is removed solely under section 1441(a), all defendants who have been **properly joined and served** must join in or consent to the removal of the action." <u>See</u> 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(2) (emphasis added).

WHEREFORE, Defendant City of Philadelphia respectfully requests that the captioned Complaint be removed to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF FILING OF REMOVAL

TO: BRIAN ZEIGER

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on March 27, 2024 the defendant, City of Philadelphia, filed, in the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, a verified Notice of Removal.

A copy of this Notice of Removal is attached hereto and is also being filed with the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1446(e).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Irene Lu, Assistant City Solicitor, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the attached Notice of Removal will be served upon the following by email:

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Exhibit "A"

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al.

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Defendants.

No.: 935

NOTICE TO DEFEND

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You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after the complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

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Le han demandado a usted en la corte. Si usted quiere defenderse de estas demandas expuestas en las páginas siguientes, usted tiene veinte (20) dias de plazo al partir de la fecha de la demanda y la notificación. Hace falta asentar una comparencia escrita o en persona o con un abogado y entregar a la corte en forma escrita sus defensas o sus objeciones a las demandas en contra de su persona. Sea avisado que si usted no se defiende, la corte tomará medidas y puede continuar la demanda en contra suya sin previo aviso o notificación. Además, la corte puede decidir a favor del demandante y requiere que usted cumpla con todas las provisiones de esta demanda. Usted puede perder dinero o sus propiedades u otros derechos importantes para usted.

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CHARLES PARKS : CIVIL ACTION

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Philadelphia, PA 19126 : No.: Plaintiff, :

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA 1515 Arch Street, 14th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102

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PRISON COMMISSIONER BLANCHE CARNEY, in her individual and official capacity, Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility 7901 State Road

Philadelphia, PA 19136;

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DEPUTY WARDEN BUTLER in her individual and official capacity, Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility 7901 State Road

Philadelphia, PA 19136;

&
DEPUTY WARDEN ROSE

in his individual and official capacity, Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility 7901 State Road

Philadelphia, PA 19136;

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CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CARRIKER, : in his individual and official capacity.

in his individual and official capacity, Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility 7901 State Road

Philadelphia, PA 19136;

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JOHN DOE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS:

in their individual and official

Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility

7901 State Road

Philadelphia, PA 19136;

:

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, by and through his attorney Brian J. Zeiger, Esq., hereby alleges the following:

PARTIES

- Plaintiff Charles Parks is an adult individual who was an inmate in the Philadelphia Prison
 System in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2. At all times material to this action, Defendant, City of Philadelphia, a City of the First Class organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was responsible for the creation and operation of the Philadelphia Department of Prisons including, but not limited to, the Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility ("CFCF").
- 3. CFCF is located at 7901 State Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 4. Defendant, Prison Commissioner Blanche Carney was at all times relevant hereto the Commissioner for the Philadelphia Department of Prisons of the City of Philadelphia, responsible for final policymaking and overseeing admissions, diagnostics, inmate placement, classification, security policies, and safety for prisons including CFCF.
- 5. Defendants, Deputy Wardens Karen Butler and Robert Rose were at all times relevant hereto the Deputy Wardens for CFCF, responsible for admissions, diagnostics, inmate placement, classification, security policies, and safety, acting under the color of state law and in his authority as the Deputy Wardens for CFCF, a prison in the Philadelphia Department of Prisons of the City of Philadelphia.

- 6. Defendant Correctional Officer Carriker is an adult individual who, on information and belief, is a resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is being sued in both his official and individual capacity. CO Carriker was responsible for ensuring the safety and security of inmates, and of the premises of CFCF, including, *inter alia*, operations, classification, housing, security policies, and premises security and safety.
- 7. Defendant John Does, a fictitious designation, were warden(s), sergeant(s), or correctional officers, adult individual(s) who, on information and belief, are residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and being sued in both his/her official and individual capacity. It is believed these John Does were responsible for ensuring the safety and security of inmates, and of the premises of CFCF, including, *inter alia*, operations, classification, housing, security policies, and premises security and safety.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 8. This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- 9. Jurisdiction is founded upon 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1343.
- 10. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and § 1391(b)(2) as the defendants are residents of this district and all the events giving rise to the claim occurred in this district.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

- 11. In April of 2023, Plaintiff was an inmate at the Curran Fromhold Correctional Facility (hereinafter "CFCF") in the Philadelphia Prison System (hereinafter "PPS")
- 12. On or about April 12, 2023, Plaintiff was attacked in the PPS by another inmate at the CFCF.
- 13. Plaintiff suffered from a corneal abrasion and a fractured orbital socket as a result of the attack.
- 14. Defendants Carriker and Doe were present at the time Plaintiff was attacked by the

other inmate, stood by, watched, and did not intervene to stop the attack.

- 15. Defendants Carriker and Doe were responsible for ensuring the safety of inmates at the CFCF while they were on duty as corrections officer.
- 16. At all times relevant to this action Defendants Carriker and Doe were employed by Defendant City of Philadelphia.
- 17. Due to the extent of Plaintiff's injuries, the medical department at the prison was unable to properly care for Plaintiff.
- 18. Plaintiff was transported to Jefferson-Torresdale hospital to care for his injuries.
- 19. The Philadelphia Prison System has a list of inmate rules, regulations, and disciplinary procedures designed to maintain order in the system and to provide protection to the public, inmates, and staff. These procedures apply to all inmates.
- 20. One of the rules for inmates is outlined in the prison's no fighting policy. Inmates are not permitted to physically assault other inmates.
- 21. If an inmate attacks another inmate without warning for no apparent reason that causes serious bodily injury to the victim or an inmate fights with another inmate and personal injuries result and/or if a weapon is used, this is considered a "Critical Infraction."
- 22. Defendants Carriker and Doe observed other inmates attack Plaintiff.
- 23. Defendants Carriker and Doe had a reasonable opportunity to intervene as the other inmates attacked Plaintiff yet failed to do so.
- 24. Defendants Carriker and Doe knew Plaintiff was in harm's way and did nothing to ensure his safety.
- 25. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose, and knew of the risk to Plaintiff's safety because of their knowledge that the CFCF was grossly understaffed at the time of the attack.

- 26. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose were responsible for hiring corrections officers or otherwise working to recruit or retain corrections officers.
- 27. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose were responsible for the safety of inmates at the CFCF at all times relevant to the instant complaint.
- 28. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose were aware the CFCF was grossly understaffed at the time of the assault on the Plaintiff.
- 29. The City of Philadelphia has a history of understaffing and failing to protect inmates like Plaintiff from known, dangerous inmates, failing to monitor inmates for inmate safety, and failing to ensure that security protocols are being followed to ensure inmate safety.
 - a. In July of 2018, in *Simmons v. Philadelphia*, 22-cv-1644, Simmons was assigned to a cell in the Philadelphia Prison System with a paranoid schizophrenic, Jessie Wilson, who had a history of physical and verbal abuse of Simmons. Simmons reported the abuse, but of course, the claim fell upon deaf ears. Simmons remained in a cell with Wilson, who brutally assaulted and raped Simmons throughout the night after his complaints. Wilson was placed or should have been placed in segregation at the time of the assault on Simmons. He was not.
 - b. In August of 2019, Frankie Diaz, Jr. died of injuries after being beaten by another prisoner in the Philadelphia Prison System.
 https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/news/2022/aug/1/filth-fury-philly-jails-descend-murderous-chaos/. The inmate who beat Diaz to death had a violent history while incarcerated. The inmate who beat Diaz to death was involved in a significant fight and/or altercation with Diaz and, as a result, was placed or should have been placed in segregation at the time of the assault on Diaz. He was not.
 - c. In January of 2021, Dale Curbeam was found dead face down in his cell at Curran

Fromhold Correctional Facility ("CFCF"), a prison within the Philadelphia Prison System. His cellmate was arrested for the murder. According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, only one correctional officer was stationed in the Pod at the time of the homicide. https://www.inquirer.com/news/homicide-philadelphia-jails-violence-covid-pandemic-lockdowns-20210120.html.

- d. In April of 2022, Christopher Hinkle was incarcerated at CFCF when another inmate attacked him, resulting in a broken neck and other blunt-force injuries. The guards did not find Hinkle until at least four hours later. Once found, it was too late, he was put on life support, eventually succumbing to his injuries. Hinkle was a non-violent offender. Hinkle's cellmate had a long record of random assaults and violent criminal offenses and, as a result, was placed or should have been placed in segregation at the time of the assault on Hinkle. He was not.
- e. On September 30, 2021, an unknown inmate at CFCF was brutally attacked and stabbed by three inmates. No guards came to his aid. The inmate suffered serious life-threatening injuries.
- f. In March of 2021, Armani Faison was incarcerated at CFCF. He was assigned to a cell with known, dangerous inmate Kevin Massey. Massey had sexually assaulted another inmate earlier that day. In response to the sexual assault, Massey was not placed in administrative or disciplinary segregation. That other inmate was moved out of the cell with Massey. Faison was moved into the cell with Massey mere hours after Massey sexually assaulted the other inmate. Massey repeatedly raped, beat, and choked Faison. Faison's body was found the next morning, naked, bloodied, floating in six inches of water. He was transported to Nazareth Hospital and pronounced dead that morning. As a result of his prior conduct, Massey was placed or should have

- been placed in segregation at the time of the assault on Faison. He was not.
- g. On or about August 11, 2022, Anthony Autry was attacked at PICC by other inmates. The corrections officers working that day knew of other inmates on the block who was not properly categorized for housing who had a propensity for using weapons and assaulting other inamtes. As a result of the ensuing attack, Plaintiff was severely injured. *See Autry v. City of Philadelphia*, 2:23-cv-01501-PD.
- 30. As shown by the seven prior incidents outlined above which occurred before the instant matter where Plaintiff was assaulted, the City of Philadelphia had a custom of understaffing that is on-going, continuous, and occurring at the time of the assault on Plaintiff.
- 31. As shown by the seven prior incidents outlined above which occurred before the instant assault on Plaintiff, the City of Philadelphia has a custom of failing to ensure inmates are properly classified and segregated from inmates in general population.
- 32. Defendant City of Philadelphia has been deliberately indifferent in failing to achieve proper staffing levels and has asked staff including correction officers to falsify records to show that they are, in fact, properly staffed. https://www.prisonlegalnews.org/news/2022/aug/1/filth-fury-philly-jails-descend-murderous-chaos/
- 33. As a result of the prior assault on Plaintiff, Defendants knew the inmates housed with Plaintiff had a propensity to attack other inmates like Plaintiff because they were aware of the circumstances of the prior assault or physically present at the time of the prior assault.
- 34. On the same date and time, Defendant City of Philadelphia did not properly train and/or supervise Defendants Carriker and Doe to properly discipline inmates, protect inmates, intervene in inmate attacks, and keep inmates safe generally.
- 35. On the same date and time, Defendant City of Philadelphia did not properly train and/or its staff of correctional officers generally.

36. On the same date and time, Defendant City of Philadelphia was aware of prior incidents where inmates were improperly classified and resulting harm occurred and failed to take precautions against future violations, as outlined above. This failure permitted and resulted in the assault on Plaintiff and Plaintiff's subsequent injuries.

COUNT I: EIGHTH AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C § 1983 PLAINTIFF VS. INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

- 37. Plaintiff alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them herein by reference as if the same were set forth at length.
- 38. As set herein, this is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 that challenges the unconstitutional actions of the Defendants that resulted in harm to Plaintiff.
- 39. At all relevant times hereto, Defendants were "persons" acting under color of state law.
- 40. The Eighth Amendment imposes on Defendants the obligation to take reasonable measures to protect inmates from violence at the hands of other inmates.
- 41. As explained above, Defendants failed in their obligation at every turn.
- 42. Defendants' conduct exposed Plaintiff to a substantial risk of harm.
- 43. Defendants knew of and were deliberately indifferent to those known risks.
- 44. As a result of Defendants' deliberate indifference, Plaintiff was severely injured and required medical treatment.
- 45. Defendants were in direct violation of the Eighth Amendment, as well as their own policies, when they recklessly, willfully, and with deliberate indifference failed to protect Plaintiff, intervene while Plaintiff was being attacked, segregate and/or move known dangerous inmates, and the proper amount of staff on duty.
- 46. While acting under color of state law, Defendants affirmatively created the danger that

led to Plaintiff's injuries by:

- a. Placing Plaintiff on a block with inmates who would attack Plaintiff despite
 knowledge of their attack of another inmate(s);
- b. Failing to maintain appropriate staff in the inmate housing units;
- Failing to ensure compliance when an inmate is assigned to a specific level of segregation;
- Failing to conduct regular checks of the cells for inmates assigned to a specific level of segregation;
- e. Failing to prevent or stop the assault on Plaintiff in a timely manner despite opportunities to do so;
- f. Observing the events leading up to the assault on Plaintiff and failing to respond in a timely or meaningful fashion;
- g. Failing to adequately protect Plaintiff from injuries while in their custody and control; and,
- h. Failing to intervene once Plaintiff was being attacked.
- i. Willfully subjecting Plaintiff to injuries.
- 47. The danger created by the Defendants as set forth above was foreseeable and direct, and through their failures, willful disregard, and deliberate indifference to Plaintiff's safety, Defendants acted with a degree of culpability that shocks the conscience.
- 48. Defendants acts and omissions caused Plaintiff to suffer extreme and severe physical and emotional distress, terror, agony, and ultimately were the direct and proximate cause of his injuries.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff claims of Defendants, jointly and severally, a sum in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in compensatory damages, punitive damages,

delay damages, interest and allowable costs of suit and brings this action to recover same.

COUNT II: FAILURE TO PROTECT EIGHTH AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C § 1983 PLAINTIFF V. INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

- 49. Plaintiff alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them herein by reference as if the same were set forth at length.
- 50. Prison officials have a duty to take reasonable measures to protect inmates from other inmates.
- 51. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose were responsible for overseeing prison operations, including prisoner classification and correctional staffing at CFCF at the time Plaintiff was attacked and suffered injuries.
- 52. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose had personal knowledge of the prior assaults by inmates at the CFCF due to inadequate staffing.
- 53. Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose knew or had reason to know other inmates on Plaintiff's block at the CFCF posed a danger to Plaintiff's safety.
- 54. Defendants Carriker and John Does were acting as correctional officers at or near the time of Plaintiff's injuries, on duty in Plaintiff's block at the CFCF.
- 55. Defendants Carriker and Doe had a duty to protect Plaintiff from violence at the hands of other inmates in the CFCF.
- 56. Defendants Carriker and Doe knew or had reason to know inmates posed a danger to other inmates including Plaintiff because of their knowledge of the prior assault.
- 57. Defendants Carriker and Doe failed to take reasonable measures to guarantee the safety of Plaintiff.
- 58. Defendants Carriker and Doe permitted conditions in CFCF that posed a substantial risk of serious harm to Plaintiff.

- 59. Defendants Carriker and Doe were deliberately indifferent to the substantial risk to Plaintiff's health and safety.
- 60. Defendants Carriker and Doe's deliberate indifference caused Plaintiff harm.
- 61. Defendants Carriker and Doe knowingly and unreasonably disregarded an objectively intolerable risk of harm.
- 62. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants Carriker and Does' actions and omissions, Plaintiff suffered and underwent great pain and continues to do so.
- 63. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants Carriker and Does' actions and omissions, Plaintiff suffered serious physical injuries including, but not limited to, a lcorneal abrasion and a fractured orbital socket, and other injuries, the full extent of which are not yet known.
- 64. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants Carriker and Does' actions and omissions, Plaintiff suffered serious mental and psychological injuries, including, but not limited to, anxiety, trauma, and depression.
- 65. Plaintiff also makes a claim for such injuries, damages, and consequences resulting from the incident of which he has no present knowledge.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff claims of Defendants, jointly and severally, a sum in excess of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in compensatory damages, punitive damages, delay damages, interest and allowable costs of suit and brings this action to recover same.

COUNT III: FAILURE TO INTERVENE EIGHTH AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 42 U.S.C § 1983 PLAINTIFF V. DEFENDANTS CARRIKER AND DOE

- 66. Plaintiff alleges each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs of this Complaint and incorporates them herein by reference as if the same were set forth at length.
- 67. Defendants Carriker and Doe were acting as correctional officers at or in proximity to the time of Plaintiff's injuries.

- 68. Defendants Carriker and Doe had a duty to intervene in order to protect Plaintiff from dangerous inmates like Wingfield and Watson.
- 69. Defendants Carriker and Doe had a reasonable opportunity to intervene in order to protect Plaintiff against force by Wingfield and Watson in that they:
 - a. knew of threats against other inmates and/or Plaintiff made by other inmates;
 - b. were physically present at the scene of the attack and could have prevented it;
 - c. could have timely prevented the attack;
 - d. had the ability to request assistance on behalf of Plaintiff;
 - e. had the ability to immediately stop the attack before or once it began;
 - f. had the ability to immediately stop the attack before once it began; and
 - g. could have acted to protect Plaintiff in other ways not yet known to Plaintiff.
- 70. Defendants Carriker and Doe violated that duty to intervene in that they:
 - a. were actually aware of and did not intervene;
 - were physically present at the scene of the attack and could have prevented the attack from occurring;
 - c. did not stop the attack prior to Plaintiff becoming injured;
 - d. did not immediately request assistance on behalf of Plaintiff;
 - e. did not immediately restrain the inmates attacking Plaintiff; and
 - f. did not act in other ways not yet known to Plaintiff.
- 71. Defendants Carriker and Doe's actions and omissions were a direct and proximate cause of Plaintiff's injuries and damages.
- 72. Defendants Carriker and Doe acted intentionally, maliciously and wantonly, by failing to intervene when they were otherwise able.
- 73. As a direct and proximate cause of Defendants Carriker and Doe's actions and

omissions Plaintiff suffered and underwent great pain and continues to do so.

- 74. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants Carriker and John Doe's actions and omissions, Plaintiff suffered serious physical injuries including, but not limited to, a corneal abrasion and fractured orbital socket, and other injuries, the full extent of which are not yet known.
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COUNT IV - MONELL CLAIM UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983 DEFENDANT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA (FAILURE TO TRAIN AND SUPERVISE)

- 77. The proceeding paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 78. The customs, practices, and policies of the City of Philadelphia were a moving force behind the violations of Plaintiff's constitutional rights.
- 79. Plaintiff was deprived of rights and privileges secured to him by the United States Constitution and by other laws of the United States, and by the City of Philadelphia through its many failures addressed *supra*.
- 80. Plaintiff's claims are based on the decisions of Defendants Carney, Karen Butler, and Robert Rose, and the policy makers in the City of Philadelphia who were deliberately indifferent to the constitutional rights of convicted persons under the Eighth Amendment.

- 81. This course of conduct is so well-settled and permanent as to virtually constitute law.
- 82. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew corrections officers would be confronted with inmates who violate Philadelphia Prison System inmate rules.
- 83. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew corrections officers would be confronted with inmates who are assigned or classified to a specific level of segregation like Pre-Hearing Segregation.
- 84. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew of the history of corrections officers and prison staff mishandling known dangerous inmates who are or should be classified to a specific level of segregation as a result of the multiple inmate on inmate fights and fatalities.
- 85. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew the CFCF was grossly understaffed at all times relevant to the instant matter.
- 86. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew this would result in deprivations of constitutional rights like those suffered by this Plaintiff.
- 87. Defendant City of Philadelphia had a duty to adequately train its employees at the Philadelphia Prison System to prevent the types of constitutional violations suffered by Plaintiff.
- 88. Defendant City of Philadelphia had a duty to adequately supervise its employees to prevent the types of constitutional violations suffered by Plaintiff.
- 89. Defendant City of Philadelphia was aware that correctional officers would frequently encounter situations where decisions regarding the classification of inmates would be made.
- 90. Defendant City of Philadelphia was aware that correctional officers would encounter situations where intervention on behalf of an inmate being subject to constitutional violations would be required in order to either outright prevent or minimize the violations and related damages.
- 91. Defendant City of Philadelphia was aware of the history of correctional officer

employees mishandling these decisions and mishandling such situations.

- 92. Defendant City of Philadelphia was further aware of the history of correctional officer employees failing to follow security and safety protocols to ensure known, dangerous inmates are kept in segregation.
- 93. Defendant City of Philadelphia was further aware that such mishandling often caused violations of the Eighth Amendment rights of inmates.
- 94. The failure to adequately train and supervise Defendants Carriker and John Does resulted in the assault of Plaintiff.
- 95. The failure to adequately train and supervise Defendants Carriker and John Does resulted in a violent assault on Plaintiff that Defendant City of Philadelphia knew or should have known was likely to occur.
- 96. As a direct and proximate result of these failures by Defendant City of Philadelphia, Plaintiff suffered severe physical and emotional injuries.
- 97. Plaintiff claims damages as a result of these severe physical and emotional injuries, which violated his rights under the United States Constitution and corresponding laws of the United States.
- 98. Defendant City of Philadelphia has been deliberately indifferent to the rights of prisons, which deliberate indifference violates Plaintiff's rights under the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth.
- 99. Defendant City of Philadelphia has adopted and maintained for many years, a recognized and accepted policy, custom and/or practice of systematically failing to properly train, investigate, supervise and discipline its employees, including the individual Defendants, regarding individuals right to be free of violations of the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth

of Pennsylvania.

- 100. The Defendant City of Philadelphia, by failing to take action to train or supervisor its correctional officers, and by having a practice or custom of remaining deliberately indifferent to systematic abuse, acquiesced and/or condoned the policy and the actions of the individual defendants who violated Plaintiffs rights under the United States Constitution and the laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 101. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers the Defendant City of Philadelphia has adopted and maintained for many years, a recognized and accepted policy, custom and/or practice of systematically failing to properly train, investigate, supervise and discipline its employees, including the individual Defendants, regarding individuals' rights under the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.
- 102. Defendant City of Philadelphia knew or should have known that its employees engaged in conduct that posed a pervasive and unreasonable risk of constitutional injury to citizens like Plaintiff, and that they deliberately, knowingly and intentionally failed to take measures to stop or limit the policy, custom and practice and therefore acquiesced in, and were deliberately indifferent to, the aforementioned unconstitutional conduct and policy.
- 103. By failing to take action to stop or limit the policy and/or custom and/or practice by remaining deliberately indifferent to the systematic abuse which occurred in accordance with and as a direct and proximate result of the policy, Defendant City of Philadelphia condoned, acquiesced in, participated in, and perpetrated the policy in violation of the Plaintiff's rights under the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the laws of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 104. The conduct of Defendant City of Philadelphia and/or the conduct of defendants' employees or agents, and/or policy maker for the Defendant City of Philadelphia, were a factual

cause of and/or the cause of the harm and damages sustained by Plaintiff.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment for compensatory damages against Defendants for such sums as would reasonably and properly compensate him for injuries in an amount in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars together with delay damages, interest, costs, attorneys' fees, and declaratory and injunctive relief.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to each count and each Defendant.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

__/s/Brian J. Zeiger BRIAN J. ZEIGER, ESQ. LEVIN & ZEIGER, LLP TWO PENN CENTER 1500 JFK BLVD STE 620 PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102 215-825-5183 zeiger@levinzeiger.com PA Bar Id. No. 87063 Exhibit "B"

CHARLES PARKS, : Civil Action

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, et al. : Formerly

: Court of Common Pleas: Trial Division—Civil: August Term, 2023

Defendants : No. 230800935

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: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

To the Office of Judicial Records:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), Defendants, City of Philadelphia hereby give notice that it has filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania the attached Notice of Removal (without exhibits) of the above-captioned action.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446, the filing of this Notice effects the removal of this action to the federal court, and this Court is directed to "proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded." 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 27, 2024 /s/ Irene Lu

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Assistant City Solicitor Pa. Attorney ID No. 318310

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

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CHARLES PARKS			CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ET AL.						
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff PHILADELPHIA				County of Residence of First Listed Defendant					
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(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)				THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED. Attorneys (If Known)					
BRIAN ZEIGER, ZEIGER & LEVIN			IRENE LU, CITY OF PHILADELPHIA LAW DEPARTMENT						
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DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

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Address of Defendant: c/o IRENE LU, 1515 ARCH STREET 14TH FL, PHILADELPHIA PA 19102						
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